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## Three-way race for mayor's seat

By CHELSEA CURTIS  
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The run for Lake Havasu City Mayor is anticipated to be a three-way race.

Havasu City Councilman Cal Sheehy, contractor Merv Hersam and non-profit founder Nicole Norona have pulled candidate packets for the seat. In mid-January, Norona also pulled a packet for a seat on the City Council but has since decided to focus her attention on a mayoral campaign, according to Lake Havasu City Clerk Kelly Williams.

Sheehy was elected to the City

Council in 2014 as his first term and currently serves as vice mayor. He is also vice president and general manager of the London Bridge Resort.

Norona founded The Norona Effect in 2014, which initially aimed to raise funds for pediatric infusion services in Havasu. The organization's mission changed last year, however, once hospitals began offering pediatric infusion services of their own, and now aims to help foster the development, well-being and social services needs of youth.

Hersam owns Hersam Construction and has been in the contracting business for 30 years.

After 12 years in the role, incum-

bent Mayor Mark Nexsen plans to retire at the conclusion of his four-year term this year. His seat, as well as three council positions, will be on the primary election ballot Aug. 28.

City Councilwomen Jeni Coke and Michele Lin have reportedly pulled packets to re-run for their seats, which are up for grabs along with Sheehy, Corti Merryman, Alicia McClane, Charles "Fred" Bennett, Rich Crayne, Jim Dolan, Mark Zieff and Jan Agostaro have also pulled packets for the positions.

Candidate packets will be available until May 30 and must be returned to the city clerk's office between April 30 and May 30, according to Williams.

## GREEN SPACE: CYPRESS PARK NEARS COMPLETION



Chelsea Curtis/Today's News-Herald

Lake Havasu City residents will soon be able to enjoy Cypress Park. Featuring soccer fields, playground equipment, walking paths and restrooms, among other amenities, the park is expected to be complete early-March. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the park will be held at 10 a.m. on March 14, announced Jess Knudson during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

## Feds urge court to reject Arizona attempt to deny drivers licenses to 'Dreamers'

By HOWARD FISCHER  
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Attorney General Mark Brnovich is getting no help from the Trump administration in his last-ditch bid to deny driver's licenses to "dreamers."

In fact, the Department of Justice is urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reject his plea. Instead, Noel Francisco, the federal solicitor general, is telling the justices that they should let stand a ruling by the 9th

Circuit Court of Appeals which voided the Arizona policy.

He said there is reason to believe that the appellate court reached the correct conclusion based on the evidence before it — and that Arizona is legally wrong.

The legal merits of the case aside, Francisco said that Arizona appears to be the only state in the country that has decided those in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program

are not entitled to licenses. Given that, he said there is no reason for the nation's high court to step in.

Anyway, Francisco said, Trump already has announced he will be rescinding the 2012 policy established by his predecessor that allows those who arrived in this country illegally as children to both remain without fear of deportation and gives them Employment Authorization Documents allowing them to work legally while they

are here. If DACA goes away, he said, the number of Arizona dreamers eventually will dwindle to nothing.

Francisco acknowledged the president's decision to kill the program is being challenged. But he told the justices that there is no reason for them to even consider whether the Arizona policy is legal until they decide whether to hear that other case.

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Courtesy photo

Desert Hills firefighter Kurt Fowler is shown with his wife, Trina, left, and their children.

## LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

## Fowler still recovering; fundraiser planned

By CHELSEA CURTIS  
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While attending a country music festival in Las Vegas more than four months ago, Desert Hills firefighter Kurt Fowler was shot in the leg protecting his wife from gunfire during what is now considered the most deadly mass shooting in American history.

Having gone through a second surgery a little over two weeks ago, Fowler says it feels as though his road to recovery is starting back over.

"They had to redo both of the bones in my leg, my tibia and fibula, do a bone graft for my pelvis and put another plate in my leg," he said. "This surgery is the surgery I should have had initially... (and) with the amount of people that were there they were intaking at those hospitals, they did what they could with the time frame they had to work with and they hoped for the best, but in the long run the doctor had to do a more extensive sur-

gery."

Since that tragic day, Fowler — a husband and father of three — has absorbed all his paid time off hours from work and is currently on leave without pay. And although he has not personally had to pay medical bills as of yet, the bills are still coming in.

That's why fundraisers, such as an upcoming "Fowler Family Fun Day," mean the world to the family. The event is scheduled for March 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at SARA Park Rodeo Grounds.

"We have to take care of each other and if we don't, who's going to do it?" said Laurie Rodriguez, event organizer who, until last November, was a complete stranger to the family. "They are just a very nice family that something bad happened too and it can happen to any of us at any time."

The cash-only event will feature activity booths, for which tickets to participate will be sold at

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